nal and is around 200 kgs as compared to a national production of 8442 tonnes.

(b) to (d) The State Government of Rajasthan had formulated a sericulture project to bring an area of 5200 h.a. under mulberry plantation in 20 districts of the State with World Bank assistance to the extent of Rs. 11.84 crore. The proposal has been considered and the State of Rajasthan has been included by the Central Silk Board as one of the 12 pilot states to be covered by the Board under the National Sericulture Project to be implemented with World Bank/ Swiss assistance. The project is scheduled to be implemented in the current financial year.

Negotiation on intellectual Property rights under the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff.

367. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to negotiate substantive norms and standards relating to intellectual property rights under the General Agreement for Trade and Tariff (GATT), if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, what is Government's stand and whether they still stick to the stand that was taken at the Montreal Meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Punta del Este Declaration, which launched the Uruguay Round, provided for negotiations in the area of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, including trade in counterfeit goods, with the aim of clarifying GATT provisions and to elaborate, as appropriate, new rules and disciplines.

At Montreal, industrialised countries as well as a number of developing countries were in agreement that the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights should encompass substantive aspects of intellectual property rights, including norms and standards. However, India and several other developing countries maintained that they could not accept consideration of substantive norms and standards under the GATT. Moreover, it was necessary to balance any consideration of these substantive aspects with consideration of the underlying policy objectives of public interest and developmental and technological needs of developing countries. The issue remained unresolved at Montreal.

Murder of an IPS Probationer in Imphal

368. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in what circumstances Miss Vandana Malik, a probationer I.P.S. officer was killed along with two constables near Imphal in the first week of April;

(b) whether the killers have been identified and if so, what action has been taken in this connection;

(c) what action is being taken by the Central Government to check growing terrorist activities in this area; and

(d) whether the terrorists are getting any help from foreign countries and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) On 8th April 1989, when Kumari Vandana Malik was returning to the Lamsang Police Station along with 6 police personnel after supervising security arrangements at Western College in connection with HSLC examination, her jeep was

ambushed at Khumbong-Komthoujam, about 10 kms. from Imphal by suspected PLA extremists. In the firing by the extremists, Kumari Vandana Malik and a constable were killed on the spot and four others were injured including a Head Constable. The Head Constable later died in the hospital. The miscreants took away a service revolver, a stengun and two. 303 rifles besides some quantity of ammunition. Operation has been launched in and around the place of occurrence of incident to apprehend the culprits. A criminal case has been started and the State Government have decided to transfer investigation of the case to the CBI.

(c) Meitei Extremist Organisations namely People's Liberation Army (PLA), People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), United National Liberation Front (UNLF), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and their allied bodies have been declared as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The entire State of Manipur stands declared as Disturbed Area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 and army is conducting counter insurgency operations. Arrangements for better coordination between different agencies involved in the operations against the extremists have been made. A close watch is being maintained on the activities of extremists.

(d) There are no reports to confirm the involvement of any foreign country. However, these extremists are getting inspiration and assistance from insurgent groups across the border.

IMF's Suggestion on Foreign Exchange Formula under FERA

369. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has suggested to the Government of India the dilution of the existing foreign exchange formula under FERA to encourage increasing flow of direct foreign investment in country's economy; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether the subject was discussed during the Finance Minister's talk with IMF officials in Washington recently; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Condonation of Delay in Submission of Cases for Pension to Freedom Fighters

370. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in taking any final decision for condonation of delay in submission of cases for freedom fighters pension; and

(b) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Comments had to be invited from the Chairman of the Committee. They have been received and action is being taken to finalise the cases early.

ISI of Pakistan

371. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter-Services Intelligence Agency of Pakistan has direct involvement with the terrorist activities in Punjab and also with that